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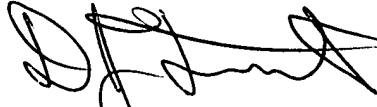
Claims 2-5, 8-10, 12-15, 18-20, 22-25, 28-30, 32-35 and 38-44 are pending in the instant application. At the Outset, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 30 and 40, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-10, 12-20, 22-29, 32-39, and 41-44.

By the above amendment, claims 1, 6-7, 11, 16-17, 21, 26-27, 31 and 36-37 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice to their subsequent reintroduction in this or a continuing application. Claims 2-4, 8-10, 12-14, 18-20, 22-24, 28-29, 32-34, 38-39 and 41-44, each indicated as allowable, have been amended into independent form, including the features recited in their respective independent base claims. No new matter has been added.

In the most recent Office Action, the specification is objected to for uneven spacing of words, allegedly amounting to unclear or inexact terminology. In response, Applicant respectfully submits herewith a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125, **without the claims**, formatted in a fixed-width font. Relative to the specification as filed, the substitute specification adds only numbered paragraphs as suggested by 37 C.F.R. § 1.52, and corrects minor editorial errors in paragraphs now numbered as [0015], [0040], and [0047], shown by markup. No new matter has been added.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims recite patentable subject matter, and that the application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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